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The examiner acknowledges the Applicant's election of Species I, drawn to Fig. 2, and Subspecies I, drawn to an optical scan head. The response is not fully responsive because the Applicant recites claims 1-7, 11, 12, 14-40 and 49-89 as reading on the elected species and subspecies. It appears that at least the following claims do not read on the elected species and subspecies:

7 No host coupled to the processing machine via a gaming network is shown regarding Fig. 2

16 No specific denomination keys, the selection of which causes an associated amount of currency to be added to a running total is shown regarding Fig. 2

30, 75 Exactly one receptacle is not shown regarding Fig. 2

31, 76 Exactly two receptables are not shown regarding Fig. 2

34 No mirror proximate the barcode reader positioned to deflect light is shown regarding Fig. 2.

62-64 No gaming or retailer network is shown regarding Fig. 2

71 Three optical scanners are not shown (the two barcode readers are interpreted as optical scanning heads and subspecies 1 requires the "first sensor" of claim 56 to be interpreted as an optical scanning head). Fig. 2 shows a total of two.

72-73. No printer is shown regarding Fig. 2


78 No barcode reader of the claimed dimensions is shown regarding Fig. 2

88. No barcode reader wherein the barcode reader is not a scanning head is shown regarding Fig. 2

A note regarding claims 33-37 and 56-89. No barcode reader, per se, is shown regarding Fig. 2. (A number of sensors, including optical scanners are shown, but none disclosed as barcode readers. It is unclear what sensor, if any is intended to be the barcode reader.) In the above determinations, it was assumed that the optical scanning heads were intended to be the barcode readers. A determination that the barcode readers are represented by different sensors, or are not shown regarding Fig. 2 would lead to different results. Clarification would be gratefully appreciated.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The examiner invites the Applicant to contact the examiner in order to facilitate a timely and compact resolution of any questions. The examiner may be reached at 571-272-6785.



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